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# Budget Digest

Chairman Steve Womack

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## INTRODUCING HOUSE BUDGET CHAIRMAN STEVE WOMACK

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Last week, the House Republican Conference elected Rep. Steve Womack (AR-03) to serve as the new Chairman of the House Budget Committee. He also serves on the House Committee on Appropriations, where he sits on the Defense, Military Construction-Veterans Affairs and the Labor-Health and Human Services, and Education subcommittees. Prior to his election to Congress in 2010, Chairman Womack served for 12 years as the Mayor of Rogers, Arkansas, as a financial consultant, and as a broadcaster. In 2009, Chairman Womack retired with more than 30 years of service from the Arkansas Army National Guard.

“I am grateful for the confidence and support of my colleagues as we get started on the next budget resolution,” said Chairman Womack after taking the gavel. “The task ahead of us will certainly be a challenge, but I look forward to leading the Committee and together crafting a conservative and responsible vision for getting America back on a sustainable fiscal path.”

**Upcoming Committee Work.** There is much in store for the Committee this spring. On January 30, the Committee will kick off its series of five oversight hearings with the Congressional Budget Office to take a closer look at the agency’s structure, processes, assumptions, and transparency.

Over the next few months, the Committee will also conduct hearings as members prepare to write the fiscal year 2019 budget.

### House Budget Committee Hearings

#### Oversight

- CBO Oversight: Organizational and Operational Structure (*January 30*)
- CBO Oversight: Economic Assumptions, Baseline Construction, Cost Estimating, and Scoring
- CBO Oversight: The Role of Behavioral Modeling in Scoring and Baseline Construction
- CBO Oversight: Member Day
- CBO Oversight: Perspectives from Outside Experts

#### FY19 Budget

- President’s Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Request
- CBO’s Budget and Economic Outlook
- Member Day

**Seeking New Budget Ideas.** The Committee wants ideas from members and staff for the next conservative budget. To collect ideas for improving the nation’s fiscal outlook, the Committee will soon launch a new web page. Members are invited to submit their thoughts for innovative policy reforms directly on the site. More details will be announced in an upcoming issue of *Budget Digest*.

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